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1. The North Korean Democratic Youth League in early spring 1949 established a political academy at Kanglong (126-06, 39-08), South Pyongan Province, with a branch at Wonsan (127-26, 39-10). The purpose of these institutions is to provide training for South Korean students to engage in sabotage in South Korea. The enrollment goal is one hundred students. Candidates are induced to enter North Korea by the promise that they may attend Kim Il-song University in Pyongyang.
2. The training branch in Wonsan, organized in April 1949, utilizes the buildings of the former Japanese naval base. It is staffed by twenty Democratic Youth League instructors.
3. The students plan to move into South Korea in small groups and rendezvous at an unknown address in Seoul. If questioned by South Korean police or military forces, they will claim to be students of South Korean middle schools (badges from these schools have been obtained to substantiate the story) who formerly lived in North Korea. They are to explain their nearness to the boundary as a return from an attempted visit to their parents in the north which was prevented by the North Korean Border Constabulary.
4. The preliminary work planned for these students is to recruit additional students for the academy and similar institutions by promising opportunities to study at North Korean universities. This appeal is also designed to serve as propaganda capital for the North Korean People's Republic, which can claim that opportunity for education is being denied to the youth in South Korea. Recruiting is expected to continue for some time, with newly trained students filtering back through the mountain areas into South Korea to reinforce resistance groups.

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